

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Janet PRESTON et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1794
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Application No.: 10/531,946)	Examiner: Sheeba Ahmed
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Filed: January 31, 2006)	
)	Confirmation No.: 8965
For: CATIONIC CARBONATE)	
PIGMENT FOR INK JET COATING)	
INK RECEPTIVE LAYER)	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Further to the Restriction Requirement dated December 31, 2007, Applicant provides the following remarks and election with traverse. The Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 273, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.499, between the following four groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-15 and 57-74, drawn to a pigment composition;
- Group II: Claims 16-32 and 50-57, drawn to a method of preparing a pigment;
- Group III: Claims 33-43, drawn to a paper coating composition; and,
- Group IV: Claims 44-49, drawn to a coated paper.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, as currently embodied in claims 1-15 and 57-74, drawn to a pigment composition. In furtherance of the traversal, Applicants submit that no serious burden on the Office exists if all four groups of claims are examined in this application. A proper search of the composition would necessarily include at least a partial search concerning the remaining listed composition, method, and paper, thus reducing or eliminating any burden on the Office to consider the claims together in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests prompt examination and allowance of the subject matter of Group I, as pending in claims 1-15 and 57-74. For the reasons stated above, however, Applicant also requests that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that all of pending claims 1-74 be examined at the present time.

Applicant reserves the right to present any additional arguments regarding the restriction of the subject matter in the pending claims at any time later in this application, or in any divisional or continuation application. Applicant also reserves the right to present any non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications at any time during the pendency of this application, or other appropriate time.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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